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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9775

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 01011

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SU, EG, LY

SUBJ: RATIONALE BEHIND NIMEIRI'S LATEST MEDIATION SALLY

REF: KHARTOUM 0992

1. WHILE MISSION TO SADAT AND QADHAFI OF NIMEIRI'S SPECIAL ENVOY RASHID AL-TAHIR (REFTEL) DOOMED FROM START, AND REPORTEDLY SO RECOGNIZED BY TAHIR HIMSELF, NIMEIRI'S EVIDENT DESIRE TILT WITH EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEDIATION WINDMILL NOT SO QUIXOTIC AS MAY FIRST APPEAR. ACCORDING WELL PLACED SOURCE, LIBYAN RCC MEMBER ABU BAKAR YOUNIS, WHO SAW NIMEIRI HERE RECENTLY ENROUTE MOGADISCIO, IS REPUTED TO HAVE TOLD PRESIDENT THAT TIME HAD COME FOR SUDAN TO SHAPE UP AND CHOOSE BETWEEN FRIENDSHIP WITH LIBYA AND TIES WITH EGYPT. THIS HOBSON'S CHOICE IS SAID TO HAVE SO RATTLED NIMEIRI THAT HE RUSHED TAHIR OFF TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MODERATE GOL/EGYPTIAN DIFFICULTIES.

2. NIMEIRI'S KNEEJERK REACTION PROBABLY STEMS FROM FEAR RATHER THAN GREED. WHILE ADDITIONAL LIBYAN FINANCIAL AID IS CONSUMMATION DEVOUTLY TO BE WISHED IN KHARTOUM, NIMEIRI'S

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BASIC CONSIDERATION IN RELATIONS WITH LIBYA IS NO DOUBT

WHAT GOL COULD CONCEIVABLY DO TO ACTIVATE SUDANESE EXILE  
OPPOSITION TO NIMEIRI REGIME. THIS CONNECTION, WE UNCLEAR  
WHETHER UMMA LEADER SADIQ EL-MAHDI HAS RETURNED TO LIBYA  
BUT SUDANESE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD LEADER BABIKER KARRAR  
REPORTEDLY STILL RESIDES THERE.  
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